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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.704(d), the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449 were cited in a European Patent Office Search Report for a counterpart patent application, and we have been advised that the Search Report was not received by any individual designated in §1.56(c) more than 30 days prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement. Copies of the listed documents are attached.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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In lieu of a statement of relevance for Japanese Application No. 10-42114, a copy of the European Search Report which indicates the relevance of the document is being submitted. The relevance of this document was also discussed in the Information Disclosure Statement filed August 31, 1999. An English language Abstract of the document is also being submitted.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies any of the documents as prior art against any claim in the application and Applicants determine that the cited documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, applicant reserves the right to present to the office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Statement, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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